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	<b>Cleaning and Decontaminating Body Fluid Spills</b>			

## **PROCEDURE:**

1. Chemical germicides that are approved for use as "hospital disinfectants" and are tuberculocidal when used at recommended dilutions can be used to decontaminate spills of blood and other body fluids. Bleach at 1:10 dilution may also be used.
2. Strategies for decontaminating spills of body fluids in patient care settings are different for spills of cultures or other materials in clinical, public health, or research laboratories.
3. In patient care areas, body fluid spills should be first decontaminated and then removed from the area. Put on gloves, spray area with disinfectant located in dispenser at janitor sinks and wipe up spill with paper towel or toilet paper. Discard in plastic bag and place in attend barrel. Remove gloves and dispose. Wash hands.
4. Gloves should be worn during the cleaning and decontaminating procedures.